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director's notes

As mentioned in the Winter 2000 University of Washington, Urban Horticulture newsletter, the Center is in the midst of several important transitions. Let me bring you up to date. By the time you receive this newsletter, three significant events will have occurred. First, the University mandated review of the Center will have been completed. A committee composed of Professor Loveday Conquest (Chair), Professors Linda Chalker-Scott and Robert Edmonds, Dorothy Raedeke (Raedeke and Associates), Rod Bailey (Landscape Manager Consultant), Deborah Andrews (Executive Director of the Arboretum Foundation), Chrissy Scannell (CUH graduate student) and Stacey Harris (CUH undergraduate student) will have completed an exhaustive review of the Center. Their report will provide the foundation for the continued development of the Center. Second, the search for the new dean of College of Forest Resources will likely have reached the interview stage. Third, the position of Education Coordinator at the Center will have been advertised. We are anticipating that by the fall of 2000 the College and the Center will be heading forward with new leadership and focus.

In the interim, growth and work continues at the Center. The Soest Garden's new fence and arbor have been completed by carpenter Tom Penticoff and his crew. We are anticipating additional interpretation for the garden and are hoping to explore the possibility of a Soest Garden link to the Center's web site. A new undergraduate program, Restoration Ecology Network (REN), has been established with leadership from Professor Kern Ewing. The mission for REN is to provide education, community outreach, and research leadership in ecological restoration. Professor Sarah Reichard has been appointed to the national Invasive Species Advisory Council created by President Clinton's Executive Order on Invasive Species. Michelle Salemi has earned her master's degree, with other students expected to follow in the spring. A new gardener, Kristen Torres, has been hired at the Arboretum and Neal Bonham has been promoted to Gardener II.

Tom Hinckley, Acting Director, Center for Urban Horticulture

special events

CONSERVATION OF WASHINGTON'S RARE PLANTS AND ECOSYSTEMS

Monday & Tuesday, April 17-18, at the Center for Urban Horticulture

The Washington Rare Plant Conservation Program at CUH is hosting this two day conference to discuss issues relating to conservation and management of rare plants (vascular and nonvascular) and rare ecosystems in Washington. This landmark public meeting will bring together researchers, managers, interest groups, and other supporters to hear about work accomplished and issues ahead. Posters are welcomed on all aspects of Washington's rare species and ecosystems. (Please contact Jean Robins, 685-8033, for poster guidelines.) We invite you to participate in and/or attend this opportunity to explore our state's native rare flora.

Registration Fee: Before April 1 Regular $70 for 1 day or $110 for 2 days
Student $55 for 1 day or $90 for 2 days
After April 1 Regular $80 for 1 day or $130 for 2 days
Student $65 for 1 day or $100 for 2 days

Registration form is available on-line at *http://depts.washington.edu/rareplnt* or call Jean Robins at (206) 685-8033.

"A GARDEN IN LUCCA"

Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30 PM, Center for Urban Horticulture

Would a Renaissance grotto be just the thing to perk up your garden? How about a pair of 300 year old cypresses to pull together your lawn or a vineyard in your back yard to provide grapes for making your own wine?

Eighteen years ago Paul Gervais was lucky enough to find a garden containing all these enviable elements, if a bit run down, in Tuscany, Italy. Gervais, a New Englander by birth, is an avid plantsman, gardener and highly regarded author: his 1991 book, *Extraordinary People,* was a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award. Gervais has recently completed another book that is part travelogue and part memoir in the tradition of M.F.K. Fisher, Beverly Nichols and Frances Mayes. It recounts the challenges, thrills, setbacks, achievements and breakthroughs that accompanied the building of his beautiful garden out of the overgrown grounds of a run down Tuscan hunting lodge, Villa Massei, outside of Lucca.

Taking advantage of Paul's current U.S. speaking tour, we have invited him to present a slide program on the creation of his renowned garden. Please join us for this memorable evening.

This talk is being cosponsored by the Center for Urban Horticulture, the Northwest Horticultural Society and the Northwest Perennial Alliance. Fee is $7 per person. Come early to get a good seat. Copies of his new book *A GARDEN IN LUCCA: Finding Paradise in Tuscany,* will be on sale and he will be available for signing starting at 7:00 p.m.

calendar of events

april

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16 10 am to 3pm, UB Master Gardener Plant Sale **30** 10 am to 3pm, UB Arboretum Foundation Plant Sale	**3** 7pm, UB Ornithological Society 7:30pm, UB Iris Society **10** 7pm, UB Orchid Society **17** **WA Rare Plants & Ecosystems Conference, UB*** **24** 7:30pm Bonsai Association	**11** 7:30pm, UB Puget Sound Mycological Society **7 to 9pm UB* Urban Alpine Gardening** **18** 7:30pm, UB Rose Society **WA Rare Plants & Ecosystems Conference, UB*** **25** 6:30pm, UB Association for Women in Horticulture **7 to 9pm** UB* Six Easy Steps to Natural Lawn Care	**12** 7:30pm, UB* NHS Lecture Series: "Taking the Myth Out of Meconopsis" **26** 7:30pm, UB* Special Event/ Lecture: "A Garden in Lucca"	**6** 7pm, UB* **Botanical Illustration** **13** 7pm UB* **Botanical Illustration** 7:30 to 9pm UB*Master Gardener Lecture:Plants with Impact 7:40pm, UB Rock Garden Society **20** 7pm UB* **Botanical Illustration** 7pm, UB Audubon Society **27** 7pm UB* **Botanical Illustration**		**8** 10am to Noon WPA* **Pruning and Training Vines** 9:15am, WPA* **Arboretum Plant Study Program** **15** 1:30 To 3:30 pm, WPA* **Walk: The Reed Passage People** **29** 9:30am, UB Seattle Tree Fruit Society 7:30 to 10:30am UB* **Birding at UBNA** **16** 10 am to 5pm, UB Arboretum Foundation Plant Sale

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7 S:30pm UB* NHS Library Benefit Auction,"An Evening in Tuscany" 21 10am to 6pm, UB* Bonsai Exhibit 2:30pm, UB Cascade Cactus & Succulent Society	**1** 7pm, UB Ornithological Society **8** 7pm, UB Orchid Society	**9** 7:30pm, UB Puget Sound Mycological Society **16** 7:30pm, UB Rose Society 7 to 9pm UB* Salmon Friendly Gardening in Your Backyard **23** 7 to 9pm UB* **Which Perennials for Your Garden?**	**3** 7pm, UB Butterfly Association **10** 7pm, UB PlantAmnesty 7:30pm, UB* NHS Lecture: "Tale of Designing & Building Two Gardens"	**4** 7pm UB* **Botanical Illustration** **11** 7pm UB* **Botanical Illustration** 7:40pm UB Rock Garden Society **18** 7pm UB* **Botanical Illustration** 7pm, UB Audubon Society 7:30 to 9pm UB* Master Gardener Lecture: Herbs: A Savory Addition to Your Garden		**6** 7:30 to 10:30am, WPA* **Birding at the Arboretum** 9:30 to 11:30am WPA* **Walk: Azalea Way** **13** 9am, WPA* **Arboretum Plant Study** 10am to 6pm, UB* Bonsai Exhibit **20** 10 am to 2 pm UB Greenfest 2000 **27** 9:30 am to 12:30pm WPA* **Small Trees for the Pacific Northwest**

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Seattle Youth Garden Works, Greenfest 2000: 5th annual celebration and work day on Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their CUH garden site. The staff, board, volunteers, and youth crew invite anyone to celebrate spring gardening with them. Enjoy games for children, gardening, refreshments, and a work party in their garden. Seattle Youth Garden Works is an education, employment, and empowerment program for homeless youth and youth-in-need in Seattle. Please call (206) 525-1213, ext. 3133 for more information or to volunteer.

Fern Festival 2000: Hardy Fern Foundation's Sale and Show on Friday, June 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at CUH. Frida evening at 7 p.m., CUH, a lecture on "Native Ferns and Their Natural Haunts," featuring Dr. Art Kruckeberg, UW Professor Emeritus of Botany. Cost is $7 for non-members and $5 for members. For information contact the Hardy Fern Foundation at hffmembership@juno.com or on the web at *http://www.hardyferns.org*.

UB = Union Bay Campus WPA = Washington Park Arboretum * = Fee

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affiliated gardening & horticulture programs

Seattle Public Utilities Lectures

The following classes are co-sponsored by CUH, Seattle Public Utilities and local water purveyor partners

Six Easy Steps to Natural Lawn Care

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 25, from 7 to 9 p.m.
Instructor: David McDonald, Seattle Public Utilities
Location: Douglas Classroom, Union Bay Campus
Fee: $5; pre-registration required

Natural lawns need less water, fertilizer, and pesticide use. They rely on building healthy soil to grow vigorous, weed and pest-resistant turf. This quick course will cover the basics of soil improvement, mowing, watering, and fertilizing for a healthy, easy to care for lawn that is easy on our environment too. There will be time for questions, and demonstrations of mulching mowers and other equipment.

Salmon Friendly Gardening in Your Backyard

Date & Time: Tuesday, May 16, from 7 to 9 p.m.
Instructor: Liz Fikejs, Seattle Public Utilities
Location: Douglas Classroom, Union Bay Campus
Fee: $5; pre-registration required

Learn about creative, effective gardening practices that can make a difference for salmon survival in our region. Whether your garden is two feet or two miles from the nearest stream, lake or Puget Sound, it affects salmon. Learn how conserving water, reducing runoff, creating healthy soil, selecting plants, providing habitat, reducing pesticide use and many other simple steps can create a beautiful, salmon friendly garden in your backyard.

Drip Irrigation Made Easy

Date & Time: Two Part Course,
Part I - Thursday, June 8, from 7 to 9 p.m.
Part II - Saturday, June 17, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Instructor: Howard Stenn, Stenn Design
Location: Douglas Classroom, Union Bay Campus
Fee: $5 total for both sessions; pre-registration required

Part I: Discover how to design and use a drip irrigation system appropriate to your garden. Learn about various systems: understand how they are assembled, where to buy them, and what to avoid. Learn how to use your drip irrigation system to help grow healthier plants and save on your utility bill.

Part II: Be guided through this hands-on installation of drip irrigation at the Bradner Gardens park. The class will install drip systems in vegetable and ornamental garden beds. This session is co-sponsored by Seattle Tilth and King County Master Gardeners of Bradner Gardens Park.

WSU Practical Gardening Lectures

These entry level lectures and demonstrations for beginning gardeners are planned jointly by CUH and the WSU Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners, and are presented by experienced WSU Master Gardeners and Cooperative Extension staff.

Plants with Impact

Date & Time: Thursday, April 13, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Instructor: Vickie Galloway, WSU Master Gardener
Location: Douglas Classroom, Union Bay Campus
Fee: $5; pre-registration required

Wow! Isn't that what you want to say every time you look at your garden? Learn about some great plants that can add a splash to your garden.

Herbs: A Savory Addition to Your Garden

Date & Time: Thursday, May 18, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Instructor: Joan Helbacka, WSU Master Gardener
Location: Douglas Classroom, Union Bay Campus
Fee: $5; pre-registration required

Annual, perennial and shrubby herbs are useful and beautiful additions to your home garden. Learn how to grow, harvest, and use.

Summer Rose Care For Our Special Climate

Date & Time: Thursday, June 15, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Instructor: Don Morrow, WSU Master Gardener
Location: Douglas Classroom, Union Bay Campus
Fee: $5; pre-registration required

Roses can be challenging to grow in the PNW. Noted Rosarian Don Morrow can help you get the most out of your roses, with tips for summer care.

arboretum explorations

arboretum plant study program

Each section of this ongoing study program focuses on a different set of trees, shrubs, vines, and ground covers in the Washington Park Arboretum, and includes field work on plant identification, plus discussions of plant selection, placement, and function within the urban environment. Handouts will include complete cultural information for all the plants studied, plus a map will be provided so that students can mark favorite plants for future visits.

In each section you will study **at least 20 plants** not covered in any other section during a year; over 240 plants will be covered in the **12 sections annually.** Plants will be studied in the season of their most distinguishing characteristics (flowers, fruits, cones).

Spring, Section A: Saturday, April 8, from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Instructor: Scott Conner, Consultant Horticulturist, Conner Enterprises
Depart From: Graham Visitors Center, WPA
Fee: $22 general public, $20 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required

Spring, Section B: Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Instructor: Stephen Brueggerhoff, Graduate Student, Center for Urban Horticulture
Depart From: Graham Visitors Center, WPA
Fee $22 general public, $20 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required

Spring, Section C: Saturday, June 17, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Instructor: Laura Zybas, Graduate Student, Center for Urban Horticulture
Depart From: Graham Visitors Center, WPA
Fee: $22 general public, $20 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required

walks & tours

The Reed Passage People: Native Histories of Union Bay

Join historian Coll-Peter Thrush as we explore the Native American history of Union Bay. We'll begin by visiting an award-winning exhibit on the Native peoples of Puget Sound at the Museum of History and Industry. Then we'll walk the shoreline, learning about local sites, ethnobotany, and history. Come get a new perspective on one of Seattle's most treasured spots.

Dates & Times: Saturday, April 15, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Guide: Coll-Peter Thrush, Historian
Depart From: Museum of History and Industry
Fee: $5 general public,$4 Arboretum Foundation members (use Registration Form on page 7)

Azalea Way

Experience the most famous promenade of the Arboretum in all its glory. Join Washington Park Arboretum Director, Dr. John Wott, for a leisurely and informative walking tour through blooms of azaleas, rhododendrons, cherries, and other spring favorites

Dates & Times: Saturday, May 6, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Guide: Dr. John Wott, Director of the Washington Park Arboretum
Depart From: Graham Visitor Center, WPA
Fee: $5 general public,$4 Arboretum Foundation members (use Registration Form on page 7)

Birding at the Arboretum

The Arboretum's Foster Island, with its many habitats, is a great place to discover and observe an abundance of bird life. Join Seattle Audubon Society Master Birder Brian Bell for an introductory level bird walk and learn about the avian inhabitants of the Arboretum and their natural histories. Please bring your own binoculars or spotting scope.

Dates & Times: Saturday, May 6, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Guide: Brian Bell, Master Birder, Seattle Audubon Society
Depart From: Meet at the lower WPA parking lot near Foster Island
Fee: $5 general public

Guided Tours of the Arboretum

Enjoy the seasonal splendor of the Arboretum in its spring bloom. Encourage your club, senior center, community center or organization to sign up for one of these 60 to 90 minute walks.

Topics: Seasonal Interest ; Foster Island Ecology; Native Plants & Ethnobotany
Dates & Times: Guided tours are available between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., 7 days a week, year-round
Fees: $15 per 15 general public adults, $10 per 15 Arboretum Foundation members
Contact: Call 543-8800 to reserve a guide; three weeks advance reservation required

courses & lectures

Pruning and Training Vines (Wisteria and Clematis)

Date & Time: Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to Noon
Instructor: David Zuckerman, Gardener Lead, and Annie Bilotta, Gardener, WPA
Location: Graham Visitors Center, WPA
Fee: $18 general public, $16 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required

Vines require great care to properly train and to promote abundant flowering. Our expert staff at the Arboretum will show you the proper techniques to care for popular vines such as wisteria and clematis. Join us for this introductory level lecture and demonstration course.

Small Trees for the Pacific Northwest

Date & Time: Saturday, May 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Instructor: Scott Conner, Consultant Horticulturist, Conner Enterprises
Location: Graham Visitors Center, WPA
Fee: $20 general public, $18 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required

Are you always looking for that perfect tree for your yard? The Arboretum is a great place to "window shop!" Scott Conner will share some of his favorite small trees among the Arboretum's collections and discuss their potential for your landscape.

Groundcovers for the Pacific Northwest

Date & Time: Saturday, June 10, from 10 a.m. to Noon
Instructor: Barbara Selemon, Plant Propagator, Center for Urban Horticulture
Location: Graham Visitors Center, WPA
Fee: $18 general public, $16 Arboretum Foundation members; pre-registration required

A Diversity of plant materials can be used as groundcovers in the Pacific Northwest. Barbara Selemon will discuss the cultural requirements, rate of growth, seasonal interest, and design and use potential of many examples throughout the Arboretum

youth & family programs

For more information or to schedule any of the following programs, please contact the Arboretum Education Office, Monday-Friday, at (206) 543-8800/8801.

Arboretum Explorer Packs & Family Packs

Lead your own group or family on an exploration of the Arboretum. Packs are filled with field guides, magnifying lenses, and activity ideas to help you learn more about the plants, animals, and habitats found in the Arboretum.

Topics: Marsh Madness; Tree-tective
Dates & Times: Two-hour rentals available between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., 7 days a week, year-round
Fees: Explorer Packs are $15 per pack for groups of seven or more (Packs contain materials for 15 to 30 participants); pre-registration and two weeks advance notice required

Family Packs are $5 per Pack, FREE to Arboretum Foundation member families. Packs are available at the Graham Visitors Center Reception Desk, but pre-reservation is recommended

Saplings School Program Tours

Tours are offered Monday through Friday. Maximum of 60 students. All tours begin at 10 a.m. Cost is $2 per student, chaperones are free. Please register well in advance to secure your preferred time slot. Scholarships are available.

Grades K – 2: Discover Plants

Plants and people... more alike than you think! This program will introduce younger students to the wonderful world of plants. By exploring the Arboretum, children will observe the colors, shapes, sounds, and smells around them as they learn what plants need to grow and be healthy.

Grades 3 – 6: The Life Cycle of A Plant: Spring Sprouts (April & May only)

What is the reason for a flower? Follow the cycle from flower to fruit, and take home some plant seeds.

Grades 3 – 8: Plants and People of the Northwest

What is a native plant? How have these plants been used in the past and how are they used now? Students will learn to identify several Northwest native plants and discover their past and present importance.

Grades K – 8: Wetland Ecology Walk

Explore the complex world of a wetland ecosystem. Foster Island provides a unique opportunity for students to study an urban wetland up close and discover the importance of these natural systems.

Self-Guided Learning Opportunities

Use the Arboretum as your outdoor classroom. This 230-acre, centrally located urban forest offers a wealth of study material and experimental opportunities. We will assist you in planning your visit by offering information on specific subject areas and plant collections free of charge. Groups of 10 or more must schedule their visit with the Education Office by phoning (206) 543-8800.

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Botanical Illustration

Dates & Times: Eight part course; Thursdays, April 6, April 13, April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18 and May 25; from 7 to 9 p.m. each night

Instructor: Louise Smith, Botanical Illustrator

Location: Douglas Classroom, CUH

Fee: $160; pre-registration required

This introductory level course will focus on developing accurate pencil drawing and wash and dry brush techniques. Course includes homework. Students should bring drawing paper, pencil, and eraser only to the first class, an additional materials list will be provided and students will be given the opportunity to purchase those items from the instructor (around $45) or independently (approximately $80-$100).

Urban Alpine Gardening

Dates & Times: Tuesday, April 11, 7 to 9 p.m.

Instructor: Jim Fox, Vice President of the Northwest Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society, writer and plant collector

Location: Douglas Classroom, CUH Union Bay

Fee: $12 general public; pre-registration required

Gardening with alpine plants can be fun, but difficult in urban areas of mild, wet climate like that of the Puget Sound. Come hear from a knowledgeable, alpine enthusiast about creating your own urban alpine garden.

Which Perennials for Your Garden?

Dates & Times: Tuesday, May 23, 7 to 9 p.m.

Instructor: Carrie Becker, garden designer and consultant, instructor at Edmonds Community College and member of Northwest Perennial Alliance

Location: Douglas Classroom, CUH

Fee: $12 general public; pre-registration required

Trying to figure out how to select the right perennials for your garden space? Learn from this perennial fanatic about plant selection and garden design elements. Examples will be shown both on the grounds of CUH and in the classroom.

Perennial Resources at CUH

Dates & Times: Monday, June 19, 7 to 9 p.m.

Instructor: Thomas Smarr, Acting Education Coordinator, CUH and Brian Thompson, Horticultural Librarian, Miller Library

Location: Soest Perennial Garden and Miller Library, CUH

Fee: $10 general public; pre-registration required

We will be touring the Center's very own Soest Herbaceous Display garden for identification, plant qualities, and care techniques. We will then visit the Miller Library at CUH to discuss useful resources for perennial plant study.

walks & tours

Walk: Birding at Union Bay Natural Area

Dates & Times: Saturday, April 29, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Guide: Brian Bell, Master Birder, Seattle Audubon Society

Depart From: Meet in the court yard at CUH

Fee: $5 general public

The Union Bay Natural Area at CUH is rich in habitat; it is a great place to discover and observe an abundance of bird life. Join Seattle Audubon Society Master Birder Brian Bell for an introductory level bird walk and learn about our avian inhabitants and their natural histories. Please bring your own binoculars or spotting scope.

Garden Tours

We will be planning some summer garden tours, visiting private and estate gardens in the Puget Sound area that are sufficiently well recognized and innovative to insipire any hard core garden admirer. Please look for details in the next issue of "Urban Horticulture."

construction demonstrations

Rebar Curlicues & Garden Supports Workshop

Date & Time: Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m. to Noon
Instructor: Lindsay Smith, owner of Hooplah
Location: Douglas Classroom & outside, CUH
Fee: $40 general public; preregistration required

Create beautiful plant supports by learning how to bend re-bar in this demonstration and hands-on workshop. A sample supply of materials is included in the registration fee, with the opportunity to purchase additional materials and bender for further projects. Come attend this exciting and creative class that will add a new and useful art form to your garden. Bring gloves and dress appropriately for the weather.

Garden Lighting

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 6, 7 to 9 p.m.
Instructor: Bill Nelson, The Lighting Agency Northwest
Location: Douglas Classroom, CUH
Fee: $25 general public; preregistration required

Create beautiful effects and provide additional security to your home landcape with do-it-yourself lighting. You will learn how to design for special effects, where and what to buy, and how to assemble components easily and safely. Course is designed for beginners.

arboretum foundation news

Early Bloomers Plant Sale

Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park Arboretum (WPA). Get a start on spring with these early season performers from the Pat Calvert Greenhouse and Plant Donations volunteers. Great variety, quality and value. For more information, contact the Foundation office at (206) 325-4510.

FLORAbundance Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Arboretum Foundation's legendary spring sale, under cover at Sand Point. A glorious variety of plants from more than 50 of the Northwest's foremost specialty vendors.

South Sound Spring Plant Sale

Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. 9522 86th Ave NW, Gig Harbor. Produced by Unit 98 to benefit the Arboretum Foundation. Great variety and value for South Sound gardeners.

Pat Calvert Plant Sales/Donation Department

A wide variety of plants are available for purchase from the Pat Calvert Greenhouse in the Arboretum every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to Noon. Also, the donation department will again accept plants from gardens. Call Lynn Schueler at (206) 243-6784 for more information.

Interested in Volunteering?

Volunteers are welcome at the Arboretum and Arboretum Foundation. Help is needed for special events, the Foundation office, education programs, and special projects around the Arboretum. Call Elaine Anderson at (206) 325-4510.

northwest horticultural society news

Lectures and classes, unless noted, are $5 for NHS members, students & seniors, $10 for non-members; call the NHS office at (206) 527-1794.

Lecture: "Taking the Myth Out of Meconopsis"

Lecture by Carl Elliott, Wednesday, April 12, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., NHS Hall, CUH.

Lecture: "Tale of Designing & Building Two Gardens"

Lecture by Richard Hartlage, Wednesday, May 10, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., NHS Hall, CUH.

Special Lecture: "A Garden in Lucca"

Lecture by author and garden designer Paul Gervais, Wednesday, April 26, from 7:30p.m., Fee:$7, NHS Hall, CUH.

Library Benefit Auction: "An Evening in Tuscany"

Annual NHS Garden Party and Auction to benefit the Elisabeth C. Miller Library. Sunday, May 7, 5:30 p.m., Fee: $65, NHS Hall, CUH.

Mail payment and registration to:

Urban Horticulture Courses
University of Washington
Box 354115
Seattle, Washington 98195-4115

Or you may register in person at the Union Bay campus, 3501 NE 41st St., M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please make checks payable to the University of Washington. No bank cards.

Registrations are filled in the order received. Enrollment is limited, classes fill rapidly so register early. A portion of fees may cover refreshments and speaker expenses.

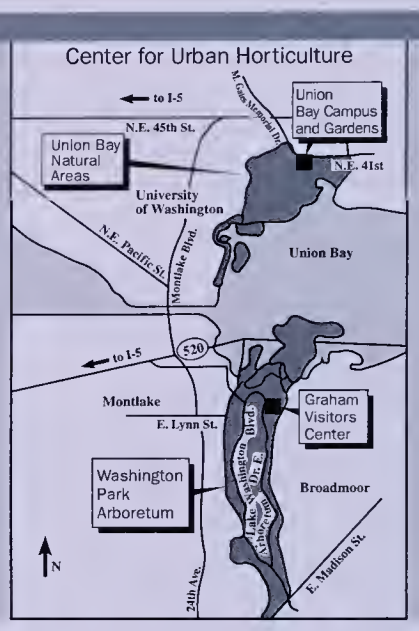
Refunds: Requests for refunds on events not attended must be made in advance in writing, by phone or fax, or in person. Requests received fewer than 7 days from the first class meeting have a $5 handling fee deducted. No refunds can be made after the first class meeting.

If a program is cancelled for any reason a full refund will be made to all enrollees. Refunds may require four weeks for processing.

Returned Checks: An $18.00 service fee will be charged for returned checks.

Special Needs: To request disability accommodation, please contact the Office of the ADA Coordinator at least ten days in advance of an event: (206) 543–6450 (voice); (206) 543–6452 (TDD); or by e-mail at access@u.washington.edu.

Class Locations and Parking: Program locations are listed with each program description. The Graham Visitors Center at Washington Park Arboretum is located at 2300 Arboretum Drive East; free parking is located adjacent to the building. Douglas Classroom, NHS Hall and the other meeting facilities at Union Bay are located at 3501 NE 41st Street; prepaid parking is located adjacent to the buildings.



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program	fee	af members	# spaces	total fee
gardening & horticulture				
Botantical Illustration	$160			
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Six Easy Steps to Natural Lawn Care	$5			
Salmon Friendly Gardening In Your Backyard	$5			
Drip Irrigation Made Easy	$5			
courses & lectures				
Pruing and Training Vines	$18	$16		
Small Trees for the Pacific Northwest	$20	$18		
Groundcovers for the Pacific Northwest	$18	$16		

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walks & tours				
The Reed Passage People	$5	$4		
Azalea Way	$5	$4		
Birding at the Arboretum	$5	$4		
arboretum plant study program				
Section A (April 8)	$22	$20		
Section B (May 13)	$22	$20		
Section C (June 17)	$22	$20		

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volunteer news & opportunities

Spring Alert! Arboretum School Tour Leaders Needed: If you enjoy working with children and have a passion for environmental education, then consider becoming a youth leader. We share the natural world with 5,000 students each year. Help us get ready! It takes just a couple of hours per week and we'll teach you how to do it! Programs are for grades K-8, and begin at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays in April and May. Training sessions are provided in late March. For more information and an application, contact Elaine Anderson at (206) 325-4510.

Slide Collection Volunteer: The slide collection housed at CUH has been moved to the Herbarium and needs assistance in organization. Work would involve caring for glass slides, viewing, and cataloging. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Call Laura Zybas for more information at (206) 685-8755.

Front Desk Volunteers Needed: CUH Union Bay needs volunteer receptionists Tuesdays and Thursdays. Other shifts may be available. Contact Ray Larson at (206) 616-9113.

Arboretum Maintenance Volunteers Needed: "Tuesdays In The Garden" work parties are held on Tuesday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call Christina Pfeiffer at (206) 328-4182 to sign up.

news and events

Seattle's Japanese Garden Celebrates 40 Years: Seattle's Japanese Garden is celebrating its 40th Anniversary during 2000. Many events have been planned throughout the year. The spring schedule includes many special events: April 21 thru 23 *Japanese Garden Exhibit* in the Cherry Blossom Festival and June 5, the 40th Anniversary Celebration - *Kite Making and Flying*. "Sundays in the Garden", April 30, Music Event; May 7, Children's Day, 1 to 4 p.m.; May 14, *Gesture Drawing in the Garden;* May 21, Literary Event; May 28, Music Event; June 18, Music Event; June 25, Literary Event. For additional information on these or other programs planned throughout the year, call (206) 684-4725. This 3°-acre authentic strolling garden is located in Washington Park Arboretum, 2 blocks north of Madison Street on Lake Washington Boulevard East.

Reichard Appointed: Dr. Sarah Reichard has been appointed to the national Invasive Species Advisory Council, which will advise the Secretaries of Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce, on issues relating to invasive species. This council was established by President Clinton's February 3, 1999 Executive Order on Invasive Species.

New Arboretum Staff: Neal Bonham has been promoted from Gardener I position to Gardener II. Neal started out as a volunteer and worked several seasons as a temporary Gardener before being hired on the permanent staff early in 1999. Kristen Torres has started in the Gardener I position as of February 7. She was raised in a fruit orchard family in Wenatchee. Kristen is nearing completion of the horticulture program at South Seattle Community College.

AHS Book Winners: The American Horticultural Society has announced its 1999 Book Awards for outstanding garden writing by American authors. These excellent new titles are available for reading in the Miller Library. Among those selected is *The Explorer's Garden: Rare and Unusual Perennials* by CUH graduate Dan Hinkley. Others winners include: *The Color Encyclopedia of Ornamental Grasses: Sedges, Rushes, Restios, Cattails, and Selected Bamboos* by Rick Darke; *The Pressed Plant: The Art of Botanical Specimens, Nature Prints, and Sun Pictures* by Andrea DiNoto and David Winter; *Creating and Planting Garden Troughs* by Joyce Fingerut and Rex Murfitt; *Washington's Gardens at Mount Vernon: Landscape of the Inner Man* by Mac Griswold; and *A Clearing in the Distance: Frederick Law Olmsted and America in the Nineteenth Century* by Witold Rybczynski

Spring in the Library: As the daylight lengthens and spring projects abound, remember that the Miller Library staff welcomes questions about gardening topics by phone at (206) 543-0415, e-mail at hortlib@u.washington.edu or in person. Extended hours include Monday evenings until 8:00 p.m. and, through the end of June, Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

New Academic Program: The Restoration Ecology Network (REN) is being established to integrate efforts in restoration across the three UW campuses. The program includes undergraduate and graduate education, research, and community outreach. For information and assistance on environmental talks, K-12 educators and community organizations can contact faculty, staff, and grad students. See the UW-REN web site at *http://depts. washington.edu/uwren* or call Matt Bennett at (206) 221-7619.

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